

Genealogy Fair -- *Discovering Your Genealogy*

September 21, 2019

3210 Venus Street, Las Cruces, NM

08:30 AM DOORS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

09:00 – 9:20 AM OPENING SESSION

09:30 – 10:15 AM CLASS SESSIONS

Room 1 FAMILYSEARCH: DID YOU SEE...?

Karen Taylor

Geared to direct attention to the wealth of personal Family History available within Family Search, a FREE website, as well as helps which are often unnoticed in the haste to “jump right in” to research. This class will show how many overlooked opportunities and possibilities are open to those eager to do their genealogy.

Room 2 USING WILLS & PROBATE RECORDS for GENEALOGY

Bruce Pearson

The second most valuable source, census records being the first, are the records of wills and probate. These records can be snapshots in time of the person who died, of heirs including family members, circumstances of lives and precise relationships. Record accuracy is more likely because money and the legal system are involved.

Room 3 ZERO GENEALOGY EXPERIENCE *

Frankie Lerner

How do you get started climbing your tree? * **Spanish translation available**

Room 6 LEARNING AND USING FINDAGRAVE

Jim McKinney

Join us for an introduction to the FindAGrave.com website and its accompanying mobile app. Following the introduction to the website and apps, you will see how to use them both to honor your ancestors and build a Family Tree online for FREE.

Chapel GERMAN CHURCH RECORDS IN FAMILYSEARCH Video presented by Trish Melander

Church records from many regions of Germany are now being published on FamilySearch. Rich in centuries of history, they contain baptisms, marriages, burials, and even confirmations. Learn how they went from archives to online, how they are organized, what information is included, how to find the right ones, and how you can use them to expand your family tree.

10:30 – 11:15 AM CLASS SESSIONS

Room 1 FAMILYSEARCH: IT'S ALL IN THE DETAILS

Rosemary Bjarnason

The FREE website, FamilySearch, has become one of the most exciting and useful tools to genealogists today. Rosemary will point out using the different functions on the detail page of FamilySearch and explain their relevance to researchers.

Room 2 PRESERVE YOUR FAMILY MEMORIES

Doug Wilke

Learn how to scan your old family photos and documents like a pro. Basics of using a flatbed scanner—pixels, resolution, aspect ratio, and file types—will be covered. For your “on-the-go” needs, learn about a great scanning app for your smartphone. You can now fill in the “dash”, the story between birth and death.

Room 3 CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS * Sally Kading

Church records are excellent sources for marriages, birth/death dates, even maiden names. They can confirm what you know, fill in blanks, and surprise you. Children born and dying between census records, multiple marriages and missing spouses are possible finds. Records from Las Cruces and Mesilla will be used for examples of the mysteries Catholic church records hold. * **Spanish translation available**

Room 4 FASHIONS IN THE PAST Beckie Clawson

Presenting the fascinating history of fashion, Beckie will include the why of clothes that were worn. Her class will include highlights for clothing from year 0, Dark Ages, Viking era, Tudor, Elizabethan, late 1700's, civil war, and 1880's. You will be welcome to see, feel and ask questions about the clothing. Beckie seeks volunteers to model these clothes for a more authentic viewing experience.

Room 6 ON THE GO WITH APPS John Smith

A basic introduction to mobile applications, for laptops, smartphones and tablets, and their use in genealogy. Learn how to incorporate mobile computing into genealogical research, which apps are free and aren't, and about some other applications that can be useful to your research.

Chapel DNA: YOU CAN DO IT! Video presented by C Jacobson, D Southard, D Leeds

This RootsTech 2019 presentation explains the types of DNA tests available, what to understand about the results, and what to do with your matches when you get them.

11:30 – 12:15 PM CLASS SESSIONS

Room 1 ANCESTRY.COM AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY Vicki Minnick

Many local libraries offer a subscription to Ancestry.com Library Edition to users for free. Learn how to access this powerful database at your local library to research your family history.

Room 2 INDEXING: WHAT IS IT? HOW TO DO IT. Ron Bybee

What is indexing? What is its purpose? Why is it so important? What does it do for me? These are all questions that will be answered in this learning the basics of Indexing online.

Room 3 RESEARCHING BRITISH ANCESTORS Larry Taylor

Larry will demonstrate the basics of English research, giving an overview of the types of records available. Then, he will focus on how to use the English Civil Registration, which began in 1837 and contains birth, marriage and death registrations. If time permits, the online resources, which are the "sweet spot" for British research, will be viewed on your tablets and smart phones.

Room 4 FASHIONS IN THE PAST (REPEAT) Beckie Clawson

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Room 5 SPANISH FAMILYSEARCH

Rob del Plain

This will be an introductory class on FamilySearch for Spanish-speaking individuals. Learn how to find your family through the free FamilySearch website. There is a treasure trove of Spanish records in FamilySearch available to all.

Room 6 THE FAMILY HISTORY GUIDE

Nelda Payne

Nelda will be giving an overview of the FREE Family History Guide (FHG), which has been designated by FamilySearch as an approved training resource. It is used as a training tool for FamilySearch, Ancestry, MyHeritage, and FindMyPast. The FHG is a detailed learning, research, training and activities center for genealogical research.

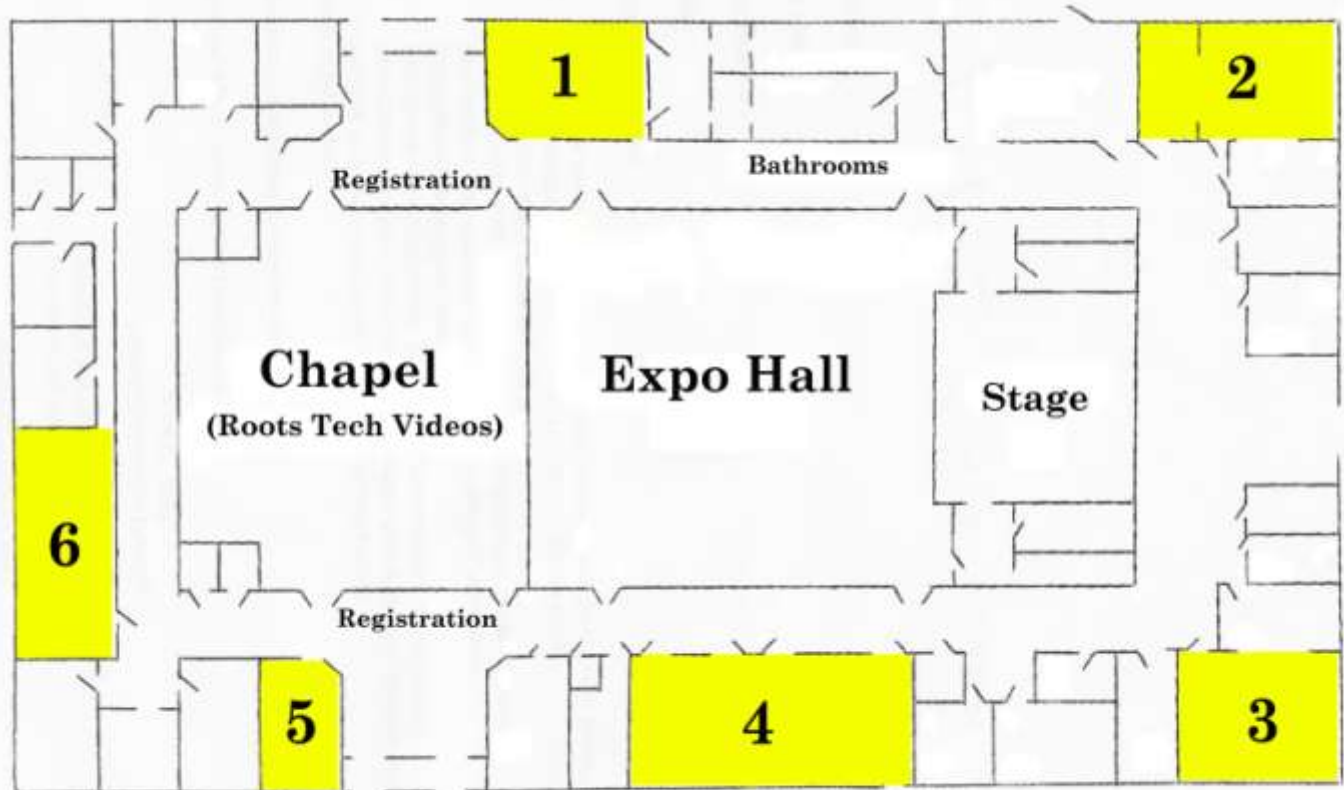
Chapel WHAT'S NEW IN FAMILYSEARCH

Video presented by Ron Tanner

FamilySearch.org is continually growing and changing to meet the needs of its users. This class reviews the latest features and capabilities released in FamilySearch, their value, and why the changes were made. After a brief review of these features, Ron will discuss future features being considered, prototyped, and developed to be incorporated into FamilySearch.

12:30-1:00 PM

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Venus Chapel